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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Burkhard NEUMANN et al.  
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OPTICAL CONTRASTS  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 17 and 26 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

Please amend the claims as follows:

17. (Amended) The transducer as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
a partially transparent coating applied to a face of the protuberance facing the object, wherein the transparent coating is disposed in an edge region of the protuberance.

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